

# 2015 California State Fair Homebrew Competition

## Thanks To All Who Participated in the 2015 California State Fair Homebrew Competition

There were **581** entries judged and **262** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

### Best of Show Winners

#### Best of Show – Beer

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Zack Frasher	Humulus Child "Session IPA"	30A: *** 30. Session Beer <5%	Placer Ultimate Brewing Society
2nd	Evan Nagorner Co-Brewer: Paul Betancourt, Matthew McGee	Framboise	17F: Fruit Lambic	
3rd	Jeffrey Temple	English Barleywine	19B: English Barleywine	Folsom Brewdogs
4th	Keith Kost	Motherfather	9E: Strong Scotch Ale	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild

#### Best of Show – Homebrew Club of the Year

San Francisco Homebrewers Guild

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
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### Winning Entries

#### Category 1: Light Lager (18 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Robert MacMeekin Co-Brewer: Mike Frink	McSwiggin Helles	1D: Munich Helles	McSwiggin Brewing
2nd	Matthew Kennedy	Ouro Branco	1E: Dortmund Export	Sonoma Beerocrats
3rd	Dana Cordes	DortPort	1E: Dortmund Export	Maltose Falcons

**Category 2: Pilsner (22 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jim Burgess	DB Pilsner	2C: Classic American Pilsner	Greenbelt Brewers Association
2nd	Keith Kost	Pivo	2B: Bohemian Pilsener	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild
3rd	Mathew Thomas	Summer Pils	2A: German Pilsner (Pils)	

**Category 3: European Amber Lager (13 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Anthony Di Ponti	Marzen	3B: Oktoberfest/Marzen	Greenbelt Brewers Association
2nd	Keith Kost	Toasty	3A: Vienna Lager	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild
3rd	Doug Pominville Co-Brewer: Lucy	Marty Zen	3B: Oktoberfest/Marzen	Home Brew Mart

**Category 4: Dark Lager (16 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Brett Gent	Black Lager	4C: Schwarzbier	
2nd	Virg Redman	PPB Dunkel	4B: Munich Dunkel	Vacaville Home Brewers
3rd	Virg Redman	PPB Dark Lager	4A: Dark American Lager	Vacaville Home Brewers

**Category 5: Bock (14 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Timothy Dozier, D.C.	Eisbock	5D: Eisbock	PUBS
2nd	Mike Riddle	Bock Bock	5C: Doppelbock	
3rd	Brett Gent	Doppelbock	5C: Doppelbock	

**Category 6: Light Hybrid Beer (41 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Nick Corona	Joey's Swheat Legacy	6D: American Wheat or Rye Beer	QUAFF
2nd	Alexandra Zobel Co-Brewer: Gregory Zobel	Koolsch	6C: Kolsch	Napa Bung Brewers
3rd	Mike Riddle Co-Brewer: Stewart Mehrens	Cream Dream	6A: Cream Ale	

**Category 7: Amber Hybrid Beer (13 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mike Riddle Co-Brewer: Stewart Mehrens	Cold Steam	7B: California Common Beer	
2nd	Michael Patterson	Alt	7A: Northern German Altbier	Pacific Gravity
3rd	JOHN BOYD	Gate Keeper	7B: California Common Beer	Greenbelt Brewers Association

### Category 8: English Pale Ale (16 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Keith Kost	Firefly	8B: Special/Best/Premium Bitter	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild
2nd	Trevor Martens	Sticky Fingers	8B: Special/Best/Premium Bitter	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild
3rd	Brett Gent	ESB	8C: Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	

### Category 9: Scottish and Irish Ale (19 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Keith Kost	Motherfather	9E: Strong Scotch Ale	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild
2nd	Virg Redman	PPB IRA	9D: Irish Red Ale	Vacaville Home Brewers
3rd	Timothy Dozier, D.C.	Scotch Ale	9B: Scottish Heavy 70/-	PUBS

### Category 10: American Ale (51 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Anthony Di Ponti Co-Brewer: Patrick Scott	American Brown	10C: American Brown Ale	Greenbelt Brewers Association
2nd	Derek Reddin Co-Brewer: Michael Reddin	White Whale Pale Ale	10A: American Pale Ale	
3rd	Paul Brown	C Of Red	10B: American Amber Ale	DOZE

### Category 11: English Brown Ale (16 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Rod McKeon	Mack's 66	11B: Southern English Brown Ale	
2nd	Virg Redman	PPB Nut Brown	11C: Northern English Brown Ale	Vacaville Home Brewers
3rd	Nick Corona	Joey's Orgullo Cafe	11C: Northern English Brown Ale	QUAFF

### Category 12: Porter (20 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	William "Bill" Kenney	Dave's Dreaded Porter	12B: Robust Porter	HAZE
2nd	Mike Riddle	Porterus Robustus	12B: Robust Porter	
3rd	Keith Kost	Portola Porter	12A: Brown Porter	San Francisco Homebrewers Guild

### Category 13: Stout (40 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	WILLIAM STEIMLE Co-Brewer: Dylan Vaughan & Craig Vilhauer	Spokonoy Nochi 13	13F: Imperial Stout	
2nd	Alexandra Zobel Co-Brewer: Gregory Zobel	Groatsworth Oatmeal Stout	13C: Oatmeal Stout	Napa Bung Brewers
3rd	Philip Tomkinson Co-Brewer: Mariah Tomkinson	West Coast Stout	13E: American Stout	

### Category 14: India Pale Ale (IPA) (56 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jason Williamson	The Full Nelson	14B: American IPA	Placer Ultimate Brewing Society (PUBS)
2nd	Tom Jurach	HopMonster	14C: Imperial IPA	Underground Brew Squad
3rd	Bill Tachis	IPA	14B: American IPA	

### Category 15: German Wheat and Rye Beer (11 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Nick Corona	Joey's Hefty Fight	15A: Weizen/Weissbier	QUAFF
2nd	Jim Williams Co-Brewer: Jason Williams	JJ Weizenbock	15C: Weizenbock	Sudzers
3rd	Robert MacMeekin Co-Brewer: Mike Frink	3 Wheats To The Wind Hefe	15A: Weizen/Weissbier	McSwiggin Brewing

### Category 16: Belgian and French Ale (28 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David Brown	Season Of Dreams	16C: Saison	David M. Brown (None)
2nd	Doug Brown Co-Brewer: Alex Hardy	Oui Frere	16D: Biere de Garde	QUAFF
3rd	Evan Nagorner Co-Brewer: Paul Betancourt, Mathew McGee	Tart Saison On White Peaches	16E: Belgian Specialty Ale	

**Category 17: Sour Ale (16 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Evan Nagorner Co-Brewer: Paul Betancourt, Matthew McGee	Framboise	17F: Fruit Lambic	
2nd	Jon Berkland Co-Brewer: John Phelan	Berkliner Weisse	17A: Berliner Weisse	
3rd	Robert Horst	Pluot Sour	17F: Fruit Lambic	BASS

**Category 18: Belgian Strong Ale (36 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Kevin Teel	Aviation	18D: Belgian Golden Strong Ale	Sonoma Beerocrats
2nd	Charlie Forsyth Co-Brewer: Tony Pekarek	Westy Clone	18E: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	The Brewing Network
3rd	Sean O'Connor	Diabolical Dance	18D: Belgian Golden Strong Ale	Sonoma Beerocrats

**Category 19: Strong Ale (11 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jeffrey Temple	English Barleywine	19B: English Barleywine	Folsom Brewdogs
2nd	Jeff Sanders	Old Ale	19A: Old Ale	Strand Brewers Club
3rd	Charlie Forsyth Co-Brewer: Tony Pekarek	Uberhoppy Barley Wine	19C: American Barleywine	The Brewing Network

**Category 20: Fruit Beer (7 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Cory Meyer	Raspberry Berlinerweiss	20A: Fruit Beer	GCBA
2nd	Robert Horst	Vanilla Stout	20A: Fruit Beer	BASS
3rd	Nick Corona	Joey's Apricot Hef	20A: Fruit Beer	QUAFF

**Category 21: Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (13 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Carl Townsend	Holiday Spice Ale	21B: Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	Pacific Gravity
2nd	Derek Edinger Co-Brewer: Jon Danckwerth	Xmas 2014	21B: Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	

**Category 22: Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer (15 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
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1st	John Abbott	Barrel O' Monkeys	22C: Wood-Aged Beer	Chico
2nd	Mike Neice	BBW #250	22C: Wood-Aged Beer	BREWLUMINATI
3rd	Jeffrey Temple	Eng Barleywine Wood Aged	22C: Wood-Aged Beer	Folsom Brewdogs

**Category 23: Specialty Beer (14 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jason Davis	Goserade	23A: Specialty Beer	Bay Area Mashers
2nd	Jason Williamson	CoCo Grande'	23A: Specialty Beer	Placer Ultimate Brewing Society (PUBS)
3rd	Simon Jones	Imperial Reyed Ale	23A: Specialty Beer	

**Category 24: Traditional Mead (9 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	John Abbott	Orange Aloha	24A: Dry Mead	Chico
2nd	David Teckam	Mead	24A: Dry Mead	EGBG,BASS, Mad Zymurgists
3rd	Jim Price	Dry Mead	24A: Dry Mead	HAZE

**Category 25: Melomel (Fruit Mead) (10 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	John Abbott	Backyard Bliss	25B: Pymment	Chico
2nd	John Abbott	Pretty In Purple	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	Chico
3rd	Ronald Ryan	Elderberry Mead	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	Bearfoot brews
HM	Brady Silkman	Sparkling Strawberry Mead	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	

**Category 26: Other Mead (7 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jason Kelly	Trick Or Treat	26A: Metheglin	Gold country brewers
2nd	Pavel Anisimov	India Pale Mead	26A: Metheglin	DOZE
3rd	Ronald Ryan	Cacti Calienti	26C: Open Category Mead	Bearfoot brews

**Category 27: Standard Cider and Perry (6 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Ray Graves	Cider	27A: Common Cider	
2nd	Pavel Anisimov	Pairing Perry	27D: Common Perry	DOZE
3rd	Robert MacMeekin	Soak It In Cider	27A: Common Cider	McSwiggin Brewing

Co-Brewer: Mike Frink

**Category 28: Specialty Cider and Perry (7 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Brett Winqest	POMEGRANATE HARD CIDER	28B: Fruit Cider	Levee Road Brewing
2nd	Darrell Amerine	Cider	28C: Applewine	Greenbelt Brewers Association
3rd	Jeffrey Temple	Cherry Cider	28B: Fruit Cider	Folsom Brewdogs

**Category 29: \*\*\* 29. Chili Beer (3 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
3rd	Mike Galli	Jalapeno IPA	29A: *** 29. Chili Beer	Doze

**Category 30: \*\*\* 30. Session Beer <5% (12 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Zack Frasher	Humulus Child "Session IPA"	30A: *** 30. Session Beer <5%	Placer Ultimate Brewing Society
2nd	Michael Patterson	XPA (Session IPA)	30A: *** 30. Session Beer <5%	Pacific Gravity
3rd	Eric Maki	Hoppy American Session Ale	30A: *** 30. Session Beer <5%	

**Category 31: \*\*\* 14D Other IPA (21 entries)**

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Gabriel Mullen Co-Brewer: Mary Mullen	#039 India Red Ale (IRA)	31A: *** 14D Other IPA	The Brewing Network
2nd	Derek Smith	Citrye	31A: *** 14D Other IPA	GCBA
3rd	Darrell Rogers Co-Brewer: Bill Pence	Petal Frost	31A: *** 14D Other IPA	

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